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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT CARTER'S LETTER TO PRESIDENT TITO

1. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CARTER
TO PRESIDENT TITO DATED FEBRUARY 24. PLEASE DELIVER IT AT
APPROPRIATE LEVEL AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE.

2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: THANK YOU FOR YOUR
LETTER OF FEBRUARY 12 AND FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL COMMENTS ON
THE IMPORTANT ISSUES WHICH IT ADDRESSES. I LOOK FORWARD TO
DISCUSSING THESE AND OTHER TOPICS WITH YOU IN MORE DEPTH DUR-
ING YOUR VISIT TO WASHINGTON NEXT MONTH.

BEFORE THEN, I WOULD WELCOME HEARING FROM YOU ON THE GENERAL
RANGE OF SUBJECTS YOU WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS DURING OUR

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MEETINGS. FOR MY PART, I WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS WITH YOU
ALL MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE IN THE WORLD WHICH ARE OF IN-
TEREST TO OUR TWO COUNTRIES, INCLUDING EAST-WEST RELATIONS,
ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT, THE MIDDLE EAST, AFRICA, NORTH-
SOUTH RELATIONS AND GLOBAL ECONOMIC ISSUES. I WOULD ALSO
WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS FURTHER YOUR REFLECTIONS
ON YOUR VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION, NORTH KOREA AND CHINA

LAST SUMMER, ABOUT WHICH YOU GRACIOUSLY WROTE TO ME AT THE TIME OF MR. KARDELJ'S VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES. IN

ADDITION, I WILL BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS ANY MATTERS YOU WOULD CARE TO RAISE CONCERNING OUR BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP, WHICH HAS EVOLVED SO POSITIVELY IN THE PAST YEAR. I LOOK FORWARD TO GAINING THE BENEFIT OF YOUR LONG EXPERIENCE AND UNIQUE PERSPECTIVE ON THESE MATTERS AND ON ANY OTHERS YOU MAY WANT TO DISCUSS.

WITH REGARD TO YOUR COMMENTS ON THE BELGRADE MEETING OF THE CSCE, I FULLY SHARE YOUR DESIRE TO CONCLUDE THAT MEETING WITH AGREEMENT ON A SUBSTANTIAL AND WELL-BALANCED DOCUMENT. THERE HAS BEEN, I AM PLEASED TO NOTE, A CONSIDERABLE COMMUNITY OF VIEWS BETWEEN THE HEADS OF OUR TWO DELEGATIONS. AMBASSADOR GOLDBERG CONTINUES TO WORK CLOSELY WITH AMBASSADOR PESIC AND OTHER PARTICIPANTS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN NEGOTIATING A DOCUMENT WHICH COULD PROVIDE THE IMPETUS TO DETENTE WHICH YOU AND WE ARE SEEKING.

THE UNITED STATES REMAINS READY TO EXPLORE ALL POSSIBILITIES FOR COMPROMISE SO THAT WE MAY ACHIEVE A SUBSTANTIAL AND WELL-BALANCED DOCUMENT TO CONCLUDE THE MEETING. I NEED NOT TELL YOU THAT ALL EFFORTS AT COMPROMISE HAVE SO FAR BEEN TO NO AVAIL. NONETHELESS, I AGREE WITH YOUR VIEW THAT THE BELGRADE MEETING HAS SUCCEEDED IN LAYING THE
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FOUNDATION FOR CONTINUATION OF MULTILATERAL EFFORTS TO INCREASE SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE. THE EXPERIENCE WE HAVE GAINED IN BELGRADE WILL HELP CONSIDERABLY IN REACHING OUR COMMON GOAL OF BRINGING TO LIFE THE COMMITMENTS SET FORTH IN THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT. I AM PERSONALLY DEDICATED TO MAINTAINING THE VITALITY OF THE CSCE PROCESS AS A VITAL MEANS OF ENSURING THE PARTICIPATION OF ALL SIGNATORY STATES IN THE IMPORTANT WORK OF BUILDING A SECURE FUTURE. WHATEVER THE CONTENT OF THE DOCUMENT WHICH EMERGES FROM BELGRADE, THIS PROCESS WILL CONTINUE.

I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY DEEPEST GRATITUDE TO YOU PERSONALLY AND TO THE GOVERNMENT OF YUGOSLAVIA FOR YOUR EFFORTS IN SUPPORT OF THE BELGRADE MEETING AND CSCE IN GENERAL. YOUR PERSONAL DEDICATION HAS HELPED ENSURE THAT THE CSCE IDEA TAKES ROOT THROUGHOUT EUROPE.

IF THERE IS ANYTHING MORE WHICH AMBASSADOR GOLDBERG OR I PERSONALLY CAN DO TO HELP GUIDE THE CONFERENCE THROUGH THIS CONCLUDING PERIOD, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO LET ME KNOW. I WILL ALSO LOOK FORWARD TO DISCUSSING THE FUTURE OF THE CSCE PROCESS WITH YOU IN WASHINGTON NEXT MONTH.

IF THERE IS ANYTHING FURTHER I CAN DO TO MAKE YOUR VISIT
TO WASHINGTON A SUCCESS, PLEASE LET ME KNOW.

WITH BEST REGARDS, SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER. VANCE

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